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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.114

Director of the U. S. Patent and Trademark Office  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of July 17, 2001, from Examiner Soubra, applicants request continued examination under 37 C.F.R. 1.114.

37 C.F.R. 1.114(a)

This request is timely in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.114(a) because the application is presently pending.

37 C.F.R. 1.114(b)

This request meets the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.114(b). Prosecution is closed because a Final Office Action issued on July 17, 2001.

37 C.F.R. 1.114(c)

This request includes amendments to the specification and claims to respond to the outstanding Office Action in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.114(c). Please consider the patentability of the amended claims in light of the arguments presented.

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